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Children's Choir

*Some of the many
groups available for
you to be part of
St. Isidore Parish*



Knights of Columbus,
4th Degree Knights



Youth Group



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25th Anniversary of the St. Isidore Knights of Columbus

by Tom Murray,
Grand Knight of St Isidore Council

On January 22, 1984, a group of men took a leap of faith to create a Catholic men's organization - the St. Isidore Knights of Columbus Council No. 8522. Their idea and action provided the example needed to attract other good men, willing to share the dream. Years later this Council has grown to over 150 members.

These founders would be proud of the work that this Council has done over the years: contributing over \$150,000 through our Tootsie Roll drive, to organizations that help the mentally challenged; the Father Joseph Siegel Scholarship has given over \$12,000 dollars in the past fifteen years to high school seniors towards their college education; offering prayers and monetary support for vocations, especially seminarians to help with their education these past eight years; and reaching out with time and money to the school, Boy Scouts and the Youth ministry.

The hope is that the Council members 25 years from now can look and say this Council has embodied the ideals and goals of the Knights of Columbus, truly having made a difference for it's church, community and country.

Today's members want to express their appreciation to the men who came before them: those still active and those who are deceased who nourished the goals of this Council.



The St. Isidore Knights of Columbus Honor Guard was provided for Fr. Jerry's installation as pastor of our parish on October 5, 2008.



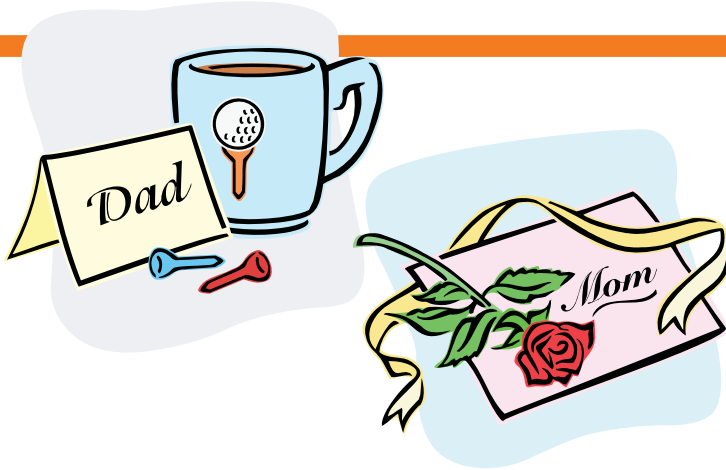
Members of K of C prepared and served the annual Christmas with Santa breakfast on November 30, 2008 in the Ministry Center... and who was Santa.



Grand Knight Tom Murray presenting a check to Vince Gavina for the purchase of new tents for the Boy Scouts



by Barb Mendralla



Honor Thy Father and Mother

Are you are tired of buying ties for Father's Day and candy for Mother's Day,

but you cannot think of an alternative present? St. Isidore Church can resolve your dilemma.

This year the parish will start offering Mass Cards you can give to those special mothers and fathers in your life. Now, instead of honoring someone only once a year, you will be able to honor them on a monthly basis.

A parishioner, who received a Mass card from family members that attend a local parish, suggested the idea to Ane' Berg, Community Life Ministries Coordinator. Ane' loved the idea and put the wheels in motion to start a similar program.

The cards will be offered in four languages – English, Italian, Polish and Spanish. According to Ane', the Mother's Day card has a picture of Mary and a child on the front, and a beautiful poem honoring mothers.

Mother's Day cards will be available after Mass two weekends in April and the Father's Day cards two weekends in May. Along with the card, you will be

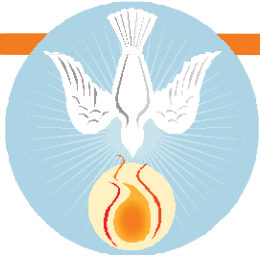
given a list of the mass dates and times the mothers and fathers will be included in the Mass intentions. The names of all those being remembered will also be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per name and you can obtain as many cards as you wish. Think of all those people who have been a parental influence in your life - mothers, fathers and grandparents, living and deceased, aunts and uncles, godmothers and godfathers and child care providers, to name a few. This is a unique way to acknowledge their love.

What a wonderful way to celebrate family relationships by attending one or more of these monthly Masses with your loved ones. They will probably even thank you for not giving them that not-so-attractive tie or fattening candy.

Watch the bulletin for more information or contact the Community Life Office at (630)295-6890.





Becoming a Steward of Your Spiritual Gifts

by Pat Simmons, parishioner
St. Pius X Parish Called and Gifted
Leadership Team

How has God gifted you for the sake of your family, friends, neighbors, parish, and workplace? What is God's call in your life? Come take part in The Called and Gifted Workshop on May 29 and 30, at St. Isidore Parish and begin your journey of discernment to sort out these questions.

In baptism, the Holy Spirit gives each of us charisms (spiritual gifts). We are each called to become good stewards of our charisms. Charisms are not intended to be kept to ourselves. We cannot be more loving to God than to be aware of our spiritual gifts; to use them to bring love, justice and his word to others; to be good stewards by understanding and sharing our charisms. "...to everyone who has, more will be given...." (Luke 19: 11-28)

Come join us in May to understand your gifts and to see where God is calling you!

Lu Frank, a St. Isidore parishioner for 11 years, has been serving others since she was a child at a Catholic boarding school. It wasn't until she attended a Called and Gifted Seminar at St. Isidore Parish that she realized "service" is her charism. The seminar made her more aware of her need to serve others and made her want to extend herself



even more—"to answer any call that comes along." Lu says, "If there's a job to do, I want to do it." Lu, a widow of 13 years, has had a full life of service to her family (she was a homemaker for eighteen years while raising four sons), to the Church, and to the Paralyzed Veterans of America (she ran a one-girl office in Maywood for twenty years). Lu remembers sitting near Ann Hatt, Finance Manager, at a Lenten Mission. Ann asked Lu if she would count the Sunday envelopes and Lu has counted them ever since. She is a Eucharistic Minister, a Mass coordinator, helps with parish mailings, does the laundry once a month for PADS and is an active participant in CRHP friendship group.

Lead Us to Jesus

by Rita Blackwell

Blessed Mary filled with heavenly radiance.
Ask your Son to help us grow in obedience.
Intercede with our prayer requests each day.

Lead us to Jesus, we pray.

Just as the waves sweep sand into a roaring ocean.
Please bring our prayers to Jesus with loving devotion.
Your fingertips glow with sunbeams as your hands reach out.

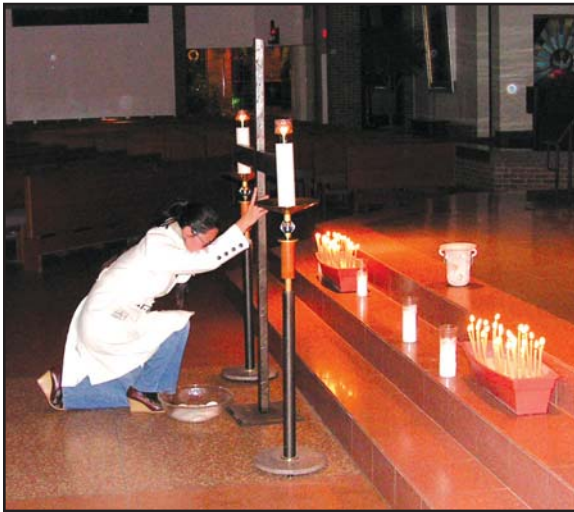
You love your Son and you embrace us without a doubt.

At times with tears to us you plead.
Mary filled with grace you intercede.
Maiden Mary, we listen as you speak to us.
We answer by following as you lead us to Jesus.

Taize Prayer

by Deacon John Freund
photo Bill Archer

What a beautiful sight;



men, women and children streaming forward to venerate the cross; to touch, kiss, and embrace it. In the air, the sound of the chorus, “Jesus, remember me as you come into your kingdom.” This was the scene on several Friday nights of Lent last year. This was the initial experience of Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé here at St. Isidore Parish.

Last winter, a group of volunteers came forward to help lead this form of prayer. The group included a few instrumentalists, a flutist, an oboist and a guitarist as well as some singers, both trained and untrained. The focus of the group is to lead the congregation in sung prayer. In fact, it is the congregation that serves as the choir.

“Taizé” prayer originated with a monastic community of Protestant and Catholic brothers in the tiny village of Taizé in the Burgundy region of France. Brother Roger Schutz, who founded the community in 1940, wanted it to be a “parable of Christian reconciliation,” with its activities designed to encourage unity among Christians. Since the late 60’s, this tiny community has attracted thousands of pilgrims. During the summer, more than 5,000 predominately young people from all over the world visit Taizé each week to worship, to learn the Taizé chants and to unburden their hearts to the cross.

The Taizé prayer service consists of the singing of repetitive chants or choruses, some of which you may recognize. There is intercessory prayer, a reading from Sacred Scripture, followed by an extended time of silence for personal meditative prayer. There is a candle-lighting ceremony and, during Lent, veneration of the Cross. Terry Kennedy, who is a member of the team, describes his experience of the prayer service. “Taizé presents me with an additional opportunity to remove myself from the din of the media, the Internet, and the daily anxieties of the world for a moment and place myself in a contemplative state, open to prayer and the Word of God, in somewhat the same way as my commitment to adult choir . It also permits me an additional opportunity to sing, (“praying twice”), which I greatly enjoy.”

Taize prayer meets the second Friday of each month in the Church.

Kids Corner

by Katie and Natalie Sherburne

Book Review

by Katie Sherburne



Journeys with Mary: Apparitions of Our Lady by Zerlina De Santis is a great book about sightings of Mary, the Mother of God. There are nine short stories within this book about different people who meet Mary and later become saints. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel are just a few stories you might have heard.

It also tells about Our Lady of Knock and I thought this little story was really cool because our family visited Knock, Ireland when I was little. I found it interesting that a shrine has been built at almost every place where Mary appeared. Did you know that you can still see Mary's image on Juan Diego's tilda in Mexico City? I would recommend this book to kids who are ten or older.

Mary as a Mother

by Natalie Sherburne

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have the Virgin Mary as your mother? Let's look at the facts of Mary's life and understand how they would relate to what kind of a mother Mary was. She lived near the sea with her family, so she probably would have taken Jesus to the beach often so that they could spend time together as a family and have fun. Mary was also a very young mother, but she was very mature for her age. She was willing to take on the responsibility of raising the child of God, and she understood what she was undertaking. The Holy Mother was very religious, so Jesus would have prayed with her often and she made sure that Joseph took him to Temple. Being a very kind person, Mary definitely made sure that Jesus was a nice kid, too. We see his compassion and kindness in the numerous miracles he performed. Jesus probably learned the Ten Commandments from his mother and how to follow each one in daily life. Mary set a great example for Jesus to follow every day. She certainly was a great mom for Jesus, and she is a great role model for all mothers.





A Marian quiz

by Dorothy Jaskey
photo Bill Archer

There have been reported many appearances of the Virgin Mary throughout the years. The Roman Catholic Church only recognizes a Marian apparition that has been examined and approved by the Holy Office (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) or has received direct approval from the Holy See (Pope). Of the 295 reported apparitions studied by the Vatican, only ten have been approved (two others were approved by the Coptic Church).

Match Mary's title to where she appeared and to whom:

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| ___ 1. Our Lady of Guadalupe | A. France – Catherine Laboure |
| ___ 2. Our Lady of Laus | B. Portugal – Lucia Santos, Francisco and Jacinta Marto |
| ___ 3. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal | C. Mexico – Juan Diego |
| ___ 4. Our Lady of La Salette | D. Japan – Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa |
| ___ 5. Our Lady of Lourdes | E. France – Benoit Rencurel |
| ___ 6. Our Lady of Hope | F. Belgium - Mariette Beco |
| ___ 7. Our Lady of Fatima | G. France – Bernadette Soubirous |
| ___ 8. Virgin of the Golden Heart | H. France – Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud |
| ___ 9. Virgin of the Poor | I. Belgium – Eugene Friteau, Jeanne Marie LeBosse, Frances Richer, Eugene and Joseph Barbedette |
| ___ 10. Our Lady of Akita | J. France – small children |

There have been other apparitions, which have not been technically approved by the Holy Office, because they occurred prior to the formation of the Office in 1542. Match these:

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| ___ 11. Our Lady of the Pillar | K. England – Richeldis de Faverches |
| ___ 12. Our Lady of the Snow | L. France – St. Dominic |
| ___ 13. Our lady of Walsingham | M. Italy |
| ___ 14. Our Lady of the Rosary | N. Spain – St. James the Great |
| ___ 15. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel | O. England – St. Simon Stock |

Mission to Greater Gospel Church of God in Christ

by Andy Lareau

Dallas, Texas
July 28-August 2, 2008

Volunteers from St. Isidore Catholic Church traveled to Dallas, Texas to help rebuild a church, The Greater Gospel Church of God in Christ, burned by arson in 1997 and partially rebuilt earlier in the decade. The church-rebuilding funds ran out and in 2007 the pastor died leaving his wife, Sister Shirley Davis, to complete the project. Team members included: (l. to r. in the photo) Bill Macholl, Joe Piekos, Jerry Mroz, George Holtz, Marita Lareau, Les DiPaolo, Elena DiPaolo, Jerry Frey and Andy Lareau.



Ours was the third mission team to visit Greater Gospel in 2008 coordinated by the National Coalition for Burned Churches. A team from Vermont visited the site in February and a team of students from the Harvard Alternative Spring Break program led by St. Isidore parishioners, Bill Gorsline and Joe Piekos, went at the end of March. They continued the siding project and completely cleared the church site.

In July, the St. Isidore team completed the exterior installation on all but one sidewall of the church. Many thanks to Bill Gorsline and Ms. Phyllis Vail, Marketing Director for CertainTeed Corporation for working so hard to secure the discount and delivery.

On the interior, the St. Isidore volunteers installed dry wall to the 60 by 20 foot sanctuary area, including the ceiling, and proceeded to mud, tape and prime the entire area. By the end of the week the church had undergone an amazing transformation. The job was a daunting task as there was no running water or electricity at the site and the temperatures in South Dallas exceeded 110-degrees.

The 2009 missions started in March with two St. Isidore volunteer leadership teams traveling to Phoenix City, AL to help college students from Harvard University and University of North Carolina to rebuild the Greater Bethelpore Baptist Church, which was burned by arson in January of 2008.



For information: St. Isidore Burned Church Ministry, contact Andy Lareau at (630) 980-0834 or andy@quickset.com





Prayer

by Deacon Terry Cummiskey

We pray “in the presence of - in the name of” Jesus. He gives us what he wants for us which isn’t always what we want.

When meditating our breathing is a kind of prayer, a prayer without words. Exhaling we give ourselves away, in joy, to God and the world. Inhaling we receive everything as God’s gift. Our life is for giving away, not for keeping.

The Eucharistic Prayers and all the prayers at Mass (except one) are addressed to God the Father. “Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.” Liturgy teaches us how to pray, in line and structure that is always the same. We pray to the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit.

It makes perfect sense to pray to Jesus directly. Many people find it easier, somehow more intimate. He doesn’t

keep our prayer to himself! Everything given to Jesus passes through his mind and heart to the Father. Praying to Mary and the saints works like that too. Pray any way you can.

Our parish offers these prayer opportunities:

- First Friday 24 hour Eucharistic adoration monthly with a 6:30 P.M. Rosary for vocations;
- Taize Prayer on the second Friday of each month;
- Family Rosary in the chapel, each Monday at 7:00 P.M., with the Sacred Heart Prayer Group;
- Tuesdays, in Spanish, in the chapel, the Rancor de Spiritu
- Wednesdays, in English, in the chapel the Life in the Spirit charismatic prayer group

Where— Oh – Where?!

by Dorothy Jaskey

St. Isidore parish is BIG; lots of people on a massive campus (well, maybe not when it comes to parking). Thus, we must have lots and lots of rooms for praying and learning; meeting places; social gathering hubs, work areas, offices, etc. A total of sixty rooms are available, excluding the gym, kitchens, storage areas, washrooms, sacristies and the naves of the church and the chapel.

Now that is BIG! But we do have over 100 active ministries, who utilize these spaces (with even the narthex now being used for meetings). The K-6 Faith Formation occupies 51 rooms for their approximate 1500 students; while the school’s 325 pupils use 20 rooms. Add the use of the spaces by the other ministries and you have a grand total of 188 rooms used. Now, add the

number of times each ministry uses a particular space. Plus, there are areas for private counseling and many church meetings are held in private homes, too.

The number is amazing. Ask our maintenance staff! Sympathize with Joanna McDaniel, who has the task of scheduling each group into a space.



Maps, signs and posted daily schedules direct people where to go on this BIG campus. Yes – where, oh, where is what and when!

ST. ISIDORE School

NEWS

by Tracy Locanto
photo by Sherry Shellingner

Students have been busy with various Lenten Service projects, including collections for soldiers and an ink/cell phone recycling program. Many classes read 100 books so Scholastic Books will donate 100 books to needy children. The 7 and 8 graders are involved with a school in Honduras called Farm of the Child Orphanage. They exchanged letters in an effort to feel a connection to other Catholic kids in another part of the World.

The 6 and 7 graders visited the Feed My Starving Children facility in Aurora. FMSC is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's starving children in body and spirit. At the facility groups work together to pack simple meals designed especially for starving children which is then shipped to more than 50 countries around the world.



Students and parents create food packets at the Feed My Starving Children facility in Aurora

St. Isidore is the patron Saint of farmers and the St. Isidore Green Team is helping to answer the call to take better care of our Earth. Members include: Tom Norton, Principal Cyndi Collins, Staff members Dan Tobin, Gretchen Wojda, & Tiffany Lee, and parents Jan Breyne, Melissa Drazba, Debbie Marisco, and Loralee Pearson. As Breyne and Pearson explained, "The Green Team was recently formed...to raise awareness throughout the

school community regarding the 3 R's – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. With our efforts, which include reducing lunch waste, promoting the use of reusable containers for snacks and lunches, and increasing recycling initiatives, we hope to earn our earth flag from the county."

Fifteen 7 graders qualified for the Regional Science Fair at the University of St. Francis: Sarah Sniegowski, Cynthia Lopez, Catherine Serio, Jeremy French, Nicole Preetorius, Gina Parenti, Taylor Ray, Abby Defino, Frankie Discipio, Amanda Krus, David Lombardo, Shawn Martin, Greg Churney, Gabrielle Graf, and Jacob Sheehan.

The Spring Book Fair was another success. The \$1,483. in proceeds went to the school library for new books and the school earned \$115.00 through the One for Books program, in which Scholastic matched that amount for book donations to charity organizations.

The profit from the Annual St. Isidore Auction Dinner/Dance was \$80,000 which will go to the School Development Fund.

The Spring Children's Clothing and Equipment Sale netted a profit of \$7,500 which will be put in the School Development Fund.

Save the date for the first St. Isidore School (SIS) Alumni Reunion on Saturday, June 6, 2009. There will be a Mass at 5:00 P.M. followed by Reception at 6:00 P.M. in the Ministry Center. A "Distinguished Alumni Award" will also be given out that evening.



Sixth graders at the Sock Hop
Catholic Education week January 28th



Family Prayer

by Ane' Berg

Our family was honored to bring the Elijah Cup home in January. The Elijah Cup was a parishioner response to the need of prayer for vocations. It is an opportunity for a family in the community of St. Isidore to come together in their home to pray. The Cup is a consecrated Chalice used at Mass and it is companioned with a binder which contains an explanation of the Elijah Cup ministry. The binder contains a rosary, a CD on how to pray the rosary for vocations, details on the lives of saints and pages reserved for journaling or adding your family's experiences during the month the Elijah Cup is in your home.



In a time of drought and famine the Prophet Elijah asked a widow to give him water and bake him a small bread. She and her son were on the brink of starving. Elijah said "Do not be afraid." "For the Lord, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" She was able to eat for a year and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Families willing to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life are personally invited to be a part of this ministry. Praying the rosary together as a family brings back the memories of my childhood and my Dutch mother saying the prayers in broken English. Then we prayed for the souls in purgatory and for our family in Europe. I learned then the value of prayer.

The honor of having the Cup, which has held Our Lord's blood, in our home is especially meaningful as we bring the reality of Mass and the Eucharist into our prayer time. Passing on these traditions to my children feels right to me. I have turned to prayer in good and bad times and my children do too. Passing on the gift of prayer and providing the example of relationship with God through the Elijah Cup ministry is an opportunity to believe in the abundance of God as a family, parishioner and member of the Church of Christ. Call Deacon Terry for additional information on becoming an Elijah Cup family.

Letters to the Editor

Parishioner from Hanover Park...Why do we now have two tablecloths on the altar?

Answer: According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, #304 the altar cloth is always white. That is the uppermost cloth covering the altar. Another cloth (antependium or frontal, which hangs down in front of the altar) may be used under the white cloth and its color denotes the liturgical season. This can be a full cloth or a scarf.

Parishioner from Bloomingdale...My son counted the number of days between Ash Wednesday until Easter and it totals 46. Yet we say Lent is 40 Days. What's the answer?

Answer: The question was recently answered in the SOURCE BOOK of the Almanac of Pastoral Liturgy. There are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Theology comes up with the solution, not mathematics. Every Sunday is the memorial of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus; in a sense every Sunday is Easter. Subtracting the six Sundays (including Palm Sunday), then there would forty days.

Toni and Michael Sinnott...As parishioners who support all of St. Isidore, we would like to know more about the "school development fund" and the school's five-year plan mentioned in the Harvester article about school news.

Answer from St. Isidore School principal Cyndi Collins:

"The School Development Fund is comprised of the major fundraisers - 3 on 3, Clothing Sales and Dinner Dance/Auction. That money is used to supplement the school operating budget, for technology upgrades and maintenance and for other capital-type improvements that the School Development Committee recommend to the School Board."

"The five-year plan is developed with input from the school board, faculty and me. It is not something that is "written in stone" and does include some "wish list" types of things. It includes our textbook replacement plan, our technology replacement plan, what we hope to do for equipment, for capital improvements and possible increases in staff (i.e., we had a speech teacher in the plan and now have one on staff). It is really not something that we publish as we use it as a guideline and have needed it for the Diocese on a few occasions."

Cell phone vs. Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think, where are my priorities? And no dropped calls!

Is that all there is?

by Angela M. Orlando

Ever wonder what's missing from your busy life? For young adults in the 18-39 age group, it might just be that fulfillment and/or direction is missing. Yes, there is work. Yes, there is school. Yes, there is entertainment but is that all there is? The people in this age group can feel left behind when formal religious education ends and they don't quite blend into the other organizations in a parish.

Since January this year, a small group of young people have been meeting from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in the church for spiritual as well as social fun. You might have seen it highlighted in the Weekly Bulletin as Spirit and Truth. While the group is small, it is growing in friendships and faith with a few members coming from Lisle and Romeoville. Some members can only be there one or two times a month and others are there every week but those who are there find the "something" that is missing.

The concept was begun in the diocese of Atlanta by Mike and Lisa Fiamingo as Path of Grace. According to Fr. Mark Cote, it was recently brought to the Joliet Diocese by vocation director, Fr. Burke Masters, and

now includes eight faith groups scattered throughout the two counties. There are also groups in the Chicago Archdiocese and Rockford Diocese.

The group is open to married couples as well as single men and women. On most Tuesdays, the evening begins with a quick ice breaker type question and discussion. This is followed by a guest who may speak on tradition, saints, or give a personal witness, or Fr. Mark or Deacon John Freund might address the group on current liturgical norms. Occasionally one of the members of the group will provide the program. Eucharistic Adoration follows with Benediction and the evening is rounded out with informal discussion. As the evening winds down, the group often heads out to a local restaurant for a bite to eat and continue their discussions.

The First Tuesday of the month is devoted to a Holy Hour with no speaker; the rest of the program is the same.

Spirit and Truth provides a little of everything for the St. Isidore young adults.

Organic Garden News

by Carol Simek

As I write this article, the temperature has risen to 44 degrees and the snow is melting. What a beautiful sight! I am thinking about spring and planting the organic garden. This will be our seventh summer digging in the soil and producing plenty of fresh vegetables for our local food pantries.

We are planning on using some ideas I have learned from the Master Gardeners class I have been attending. Please come and help us, and learn new techniques that you can use in your own gardens. Contact Josie Sizemore at the parish office to volunteer. Our first meeting will be in May; however, there will be opportunities to help in the garden as early as April.

When thinking about your own flower and vegetable gardens, please take a short drive out to West Chicago to the We Grow Dreams nursery. This is a not-for-profit nursery that is part of a job training program for people with disabilities. I recently visited the nursery and was amazed at the plants they are growing. Besides plants of every kind, the clients produce garden accessories for retail sale including personalized garden bricks, birdbaths, birdhouses and planters. The We Grow Dreams is located at 1055 W Roosevelt Rd, West Chicago.

Trifesta '09

a reflection of our changing times

by Lynne Denmark

Mark your calendar *August 21, 22 and 23.*

Friday, August 21 – join fellow golfers at Hilton Indian Lakes resort for our annual Cassidy Tire golf outing. A “shotgun” start at 1:00 P.M. Our Theme this year is “Mad Hatter”. Wear your craziest, or smallest, or largest, or most appropriate, or least appropriate hat and win fantastic prizes. A Helicopter Drop “closest” to the pin will entertain you during practice on the driving range. Contests vying for longest drive, longest putt and “Beat the Pro” winners will receive great prizes awarded at the dinner immediately following golf. Raffle prizes and a mini auction will also be available at the dinner.

Saturday, August 22 – join fellow runners/walkers for the 5th annual “Race to Grace”. New this year is a “health fair” and a raffle, and a “kiddie” walk/run for ages 3-9 sponsored by Red Robin Restaurant at Stratford Square Mall and CARA accreditation.

Sunday, August 23 – join fellow parishioners at 1:00 P.M. for an outdoor Mass followed by Fest St. Isidore. No food and drink will exceed \$2.00. Enjoy ethnic food prepared by our Filipino and Hispanic communities. And of course hamburgers, hotdogs, corn on the cob, our famous frozen Margaritas, beer, wine, pop/water, pizza and dessert and “Re-Name Trifesta” contests. Live entertainment immediately

following Mass, big band sounds, Filipino Folkloric dance, Mariacchi’s and Eleventh Hour. BINGO returns – cash only prizes this year... and for the KIDZ: rides, moonwalks and balloon catches. The ponies are back this year. Games to test your skills include: St. Isidore Corn Hole (bean bag game); Organic Lollipop Garden; Fr. Jerry’s Football Follies; Fishing for Ministries; Deacon Dash “Race to the promised land”; Knock’em Out; Target Toss and Bucket games. A trackless four car train, (rumor has it Fr. Jerry will be the “official” conductor) will be fun for all ages, and a wonderful way to rest those weary feet. Maria returns as our “in house” clown and brings her face painting, tattooing and balloon sculpting skills...HOME DEPOT will be back.

This year all proceeds will benefit the St. Isidore We Care Fund and Feeding Northwest DuPage Food Pantries.

Watch your mail the 1st week of July. Fr. Jerry will personally invite you to join in the fun of Trifesta and remind you to send in those Salerno raffle tickets for your chance to win CASH... LOTS OF CASH.

We are procuring sponsorships and donations for our Trifesta. Please email me at lawnde@gmail.com for additional information or contact the parish office at 630-529-3045. Go to www.stisidoreparish.org for updated information and to sign-up for the 5K run/walk and golf.

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Mass and Memory

by Deacon Terry Cummiskey

The priest genuflects as the altar server replaces the processional cross...Mass has begun... the very stuff of memory. We think of parents who were alive and with us, elderly neighbors, uncles, aunts: all of them so real. Memories cluster around the Mass, even for people who have since abandoned it. Mass is bound-up forever with our childhood memories.

The Mass is about memory. "Do this in memory of me." This is why we celebrate Mass: to remember the Lord and what he did, to repeat the story of who he is for us. Essential memories that make us who we are. We recognize ourselves in the story. Memories about an identity – our own - who we are, and who Christ is in us.

We ponder long with sudden great awareness; it is a wonderful experience like meeting Jesus for the first time. Places and things and stories are matters of complete fascination - we are taking possession of our inheritance. Remembering words and things that were boring beyond endurance in religion classes begin to come to life. They are about us.

But there is more than natural memory here. Christ's death and resurrection become actually present to us - or is it that we become present to them? This is profound truth: when we pray (when we're present at Mass) we are contemporaries of Christ. Time has not simply marched forward; it has completed a loop to include us all in an eternal instant. We are present at Calvary and at the empty tomb. (And all our ancestors and friends are present too, in that instant when we touch the eternal present.)

Answer to Marian quiz:

1-C; 2-E; 3-A; 4-H; 5-G; 6-J; 7-B; 8-I; 9-F; 10-D;
11-N; 12-M; 13-K; 14-L; 15-O

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

This is your opportunity to let us know what you think or what you want to know about parish, church etc. We will run questions and responses as space allows. Be brief and to the point. We will not acknowledge any comments which do not have a name, address and phone number. Indicate whether or not we can use your name. Drop in Sunday's basket or at the rectory office.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Use my name? Yes No

Glimpse into the CCW

The members of the St. Isidore Council of Catholic Women (CCW) have had an active fun filled year. Under the leadership of president, Mary Ellen Graf, the women have prayed and worked together. Enjoying each other's companionship at each endeavor, they have sponsored a multitude of charity events. Whether at their monthly meetings or fund raisers, the members were filled with the cheerfulness and concern for others.



- 1) Christmas Party w/ moderator Deacon John Freund
- 2) Playing Bingo on Game Night
- 3) Crafting - painting picture frames at our February Meeting
- 4) Craft Show
- 5) St. Joseph's Table, desert section